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(*b*) the medical officers who performed the operations;

(*c*) the number of operations which were successful; and

(*d*) the number of fatal cases?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are unable to furnish an answer as the period for which the information is required has not been specified.

Roads in the Kottayam Division.

15. MR. P. T. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): (*a*) What is the length of roads per square mile of land in the Trivandrum Revenue Division, and what is the length of roads per square mile of land in the Kottayam Revenue Division?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the people of the Kottayam Division are put to great difficulty for want of proper roads and other means of communication?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased not to allot any money on new communications in the Trivandrum Division, till the Kottayam Division is also provided with roads on the same scale as the former?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to provide sufficient money in the budget for 1100 M. E. for raising the Kottayam-Kumarakam road above flood level, and convert the same into a cart road?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 5·68 furlongs in the Trivandrum Revenue Division and 2·56 furlongs in the Kottayam Revenue Division, taking metalled and unmetalled roads together.

(*b*) Government are aware of the need for more communication in the Kottayam Revenue Division.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The road is only a foot-path beyond Illikkal. The question of its proper formation is under consideration.

Control of Motor Traffic between Kottayam and Mundakayam.

16. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the buses and lorries for the conveyance of passengers and luggage plying between Kottayam and Mundakayam run in accordance with the provisons of Rule 40 of the Rules passed under Regulation VI of 1094?

(*b*) If not, have the officers concerned taken any steps in the matter, and, if so, what are those steps?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons and the total freight which the lorries plying on the Kottayam-Mundakayam road are licensed to carry?

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(*d*) Have any instances of breach of the conditions laid down in the licenses been brought to the notice of the officers concerned?

(*e*) If so, have legal steps been taken against the licensees?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) (i) Four lorries are licensed to carry 38 persons and 360 lbs. of luggage each.

(ii) Two lorries are licensed to carry 42 persons and 400 lbs. of luggage each.

(iii) Five lorries are licensed to carry 42 persons and 390 lbs. of luggage each.

(iv) Three lorries are licensed to carry 43 persons and 400 lbs. luggage each.

For every passenger short of the prescribed maximum, goods or luggage to the weight of 120 lbs. are allowed to be carried.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

Expenditure on Furniture in Railway Stations.

17. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement for any one year showing the expenditure on furniture and other conveniences to passengers at railway stations and the stations for which such expenditure has been incurred?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement* received from the Agent, South Indian Railway Company, for the year 1923-24, is laid on the table.

Transfers in the Public Works Department.

18. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of transfers effected in the P. W. D. staff during the years 1098 and 1099 and the amount spent in the shape of travelling allowance?

(*b*) How many times were Overseers Messrs. Kumara Pillai, Venkatesvara Aiyar and Venkatavarada Aiyangar transferred during the year, where were these men posted each time, and what was the period for which they served in each station?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government do not propose to collect the information as the time and labour involved is out of all proportion to its utility.

(*b*) Statements† showing the transfers are laid on the table.

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* *Vide* appendix I—pages 190 and 191. † *Vide* appendix II—pages 191 and 192.

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